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My dear Miss Weston,

As my Father is acknowledging your letter by this mail, I must put in a few lines just to tell you what an unexpected pleasure it afforded us to find your handwriting welcoming our return from a three weeks sojourn in a country retreat, where we had been trying the effect of change of air for my Father with some measure of success. You had been our very constant companions in our seclusion, for we had plenty of Anti Slavery correspondence on hand as well as reading, & on most of these occasions you are referred to; & quoted in various connections, & in some less dignified associations derived from Emma or Miss Weston's example. It is a comfort to learn that you are not so overwhelmed with your Anti Slavery labors as to find any additional letter to read & answer a task you would thankfully be spared, as it will remove my scruples in addressing you, while I shall still trust to your not feeling a reply called for when you are too busy to make it convenient, & consider anything you may write to my Father as quite as much as we are entitled to between us. Your disclaimer of any title to the love & respect I owed to entertaining for you only tends to augment it, so you must bear it as philosophically as I tried to persuade my Father to do the overestimation of himself & his services by your sisters which nearly overwhelmed him on our first meeting them. It does not seem unnatural to me that when your course in America

strangers to many of those from whom you ought
to receive sympathy & appreciation, any manifestation
of these sentiments by people at a distance should
be magnified most unduly by you. But you mistake
us equally in supposing our interest in your cause
is independent of the individuals ^{their} whose instrumen-
tality it has been brought home to us. Whatever zeal is
awakened ~~among~~ ⁱⁿ us seems to me to owe its origin
to the attractions of the example of self-devotion
(with every kindred virtue) of toleration, expansiveness,
enlightenment, sacrifice & energy) exhibited by
the Abolitionists. I have to question myself
frequently as to the duty of withdrawing my regards
from this bright side of the picture to dwell more
upon the dark question which has brought it into
existence; but a shock contemplation of the facts
constantly occurring, & recorded in the Anti Slavery
papers, satisfied me that my convictions ^{of its usefulness} need no
strengthening & can receive no increased confirmation
by prolonged perusal of details, & I soon relapse into
the more agreeable dream of companionship with you
in your various modes of action. Your definition of
the class of minds from whom aid in the enterprise
is to be anticipated, both here & in America, accords
exactly with our conclusions from observing the
impressions produced on those we have had to do
with, & with all we can learn from other sources; &
it is comforting to find your expectations ^{of moderate} of any
results that may accrue from an increased acquaintance
with the history of the A.S. movement, & its various
aims & requirements among parties ^{removed from} ~~as far as the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~

of action. We are delighted to hear thro' Mr. Maspin
that the "Fair Maids of Perth" have not deserted the
Boston Bazaar ~~at~~ at the instigation of the Maids
as you feared at one time. Mr. M. (whose enthusiasm
is unbounded, & who writes us numerous letters
which I wish I had time to transcribe for your
amusement) has just sent us for perusal the
letter of Miss Margaret Grant to herself, stating that
the others have been working morning, noon, & night
for the A. S. box, & that she is very agreeably disappointed
as to its magnitude, for she really thought they sh^d have
stuck in the mud with it altogether this year. What with
divisions about men & men's opinions, & seemingly
"coldness of heart towards the poor enslaved." A few
thought they could have nothing to do with a society
with w^h such men as Garrison &c. &c. were connected,
& sent their contributions to the Vigilance. &c. but she &
others thought ^{there w^d be} next year w^d be time enough to engage
into matters; so the box was prepared, packed, & valued
at £50. Mr. Maspin's comments on this letter are that
"it w^d enhance the value of these contributions
if you knew the deep poverty of the most zealous
of these ladies; & ^{how they are} striving against the stream of
public opinion in Scotland, that "£50 from
three young women, most of them earning their
own livelihood by their head or their hands, is more
than £500 from the wealthy." &c. She requests my
Father to send her some of his Appeals (the Conclusion
of W. Brown's pamphlet, w^h we are distributing as widely

as we can) with a few words expressive of gratification
at finding them ^{with friends} stemming the tide of slander. She knew
that Mr Garrison is injured & misrepresented, & did
not share Miss M. Grant's regrets ~~that~~ ^{at the London Tavern} Mr Thompson
had alluded ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ his speech to Mr G., or wth D^r Compe
has been commenting. Miss Grant "cannot help fearing"
"that Mr Garrison entertains opinions subversive of
"Christianity." Mr Massie told Mr J. Scoble that ^{some time since} refusal
cooperation with the Am. A. S. S. on such grounds was
saying "I am holier than thou," to wth Mr Scoble replied
that he was holier than they, & so was she if he was the
woman he took her to be! She has just been writing
letter to a London paper "The Morning advertiser," au-
thorizing the treatments to wth Haynau was subjected
by the ^{inurers} ~~dragmen~~, & suggesting its extension to America
Slaveholders, who doing as private individuals as
he did ^{for} ~~do~~ here & vain glory, are ^{now} treated with hospita-
admitted to our pulpits, & their teachings listened to.
She urges their being "healed as wolves in sheep's
clothing from our solemn assembly." She cordially
wishes success to the first insurrection among the
negroes in their present excitement, & says we may
question her pacific principles, & perhaps she is
"wrong" but she has not learned her theology ^{not yet} or
"Logic at the American Colleges." She must be brought
into contact with the class of professors of religion (ma-
especially) whom we know only by reputation, ^{they} who
impose silence on the members of the same sect
in this country in reference to the shock coming
themselves on their flocks, on the ground of the prosper-
of the sect, & from her intimations we gather that she

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parties exert an influence over her husband's view
in this matter. Many of the Unitarian ministers here
are ignorant of the bearings of the question, others con-
vinced by Dr Gannett, Dewey &c. of the propriety of these
Boston Clergy's keeping aloof from the A.S. movement,
but I think few would countenance the sin of slavery
by admitting its upholders to their pulpits. If Dr
Gilman, ^{for instance} were to enter our Chapel in Bristol for
the purpose of officiating, I doubt if any member
of the congregation, aware of his sentiments & position
would stay to listen to him. The majority I know
w^d prefer being their own priests to having such a
guide. But, as you said the upshot of correspondence
consisted in turning away from the theme on w^{ch} you
have to dwell so continuously, it is not dealing very
kindly towards you to use up my very limited time
in discussing it. I only wanted to let you what you
w^d not otherwise hear, but will rise up ^{for me} when we
communicate with you, but I will detain you with
no comments on the exciting series of debates now
taking place in your country, w^{ch} we study with
deep interest, I will leave it to my Father to allude
to W. Brown's pauceness, I to congratulate you on
Mr G. Thompson's visit (of w^{ch} your sister is so jealous,
while I tell her you deserve such a compensation
for what she has been enjoying.) We are anxious to
learn particulars of poor H. Box Brown, but as yet
have heard nothing beyond his arrival in Liverpool,
tho' we have enquired on foot thro' Mr J. Bishop
& an Uncle of mine who is gone to that place on

business, & we have decided to be put in communication
with A. B. B. if there is any way in which we can be of service
to him. I shall look out for any notice of your Weymouth
Bazaar, into the history of which I have been admitted, my
department of A. B. labor in which I know you & your family to
be personal workers has assumed a special interest for
me. It is very difficult to us to realize the extent of prejudice
exemplified by people who take to disliking you in mass
in consequence of your principles; & your allusion to the fact
brings it freshly before our eyes. My Father relieves his mind
by asserting that it must be a compliment to be disliked
by such sort of people! I wish you could come among us,
& think you would find no lack of friends & admirers, tho' you
might not often fall in with those whose varied experience
would enable them fully to appreciate all your views, or whose
resources were so abundant. The circumstance ^{(of your not getting your fair} renders
intelligible that extreme admiration of everybody we
came in contact with, that used to characterize our frankly
companions, when we took no special account of these
casual exchanges of civilities. But it was clear that
they viewed everyone thro' the medium of their own bright
spirits & kindly natures, & they often made me ashamed of
having overlooked so many virtues in my species. ^{How} I wish
I had materials or time for filling up the sketch
they gave you of our happy excursions; but unfortunately
my narrative would be limited chiefly to intimating
the line of route over which we passed; ~~that~~ ^{that} you know
already. My lack of strength precluded me from sharing
their light being energy in each resting place, & gave
rise to the largest share of ~~existence~~ ^{existence} after notice, & absence
from the table d'hôte hindered my participation in
the excitement awakened in the rest by the strange night

of people who were there under observation. My enjoy-
ments were quite suited to my own purposes & capacities
but of a nature less susceptible of recording. There was a flood
of entertainment in the groups of people we were
everywhere falling in with; the contrast of the French,
German, & English travellers, ^{the} characteristics
of each, gazing on the lovely scenery, arriving at the
various hotels, & locating ourselves. Sometimes the
magnitude of the party terrified the Inn keepers, but
they were generally reassured by finding that we
could pack away into a small compass & were
content with rooms ^{to reach} ~~which~~ we had 4 stories to mount
& before departing a league of eternal friendship was sure
to be entered into between Lizzie & Emma & the host & hostess.
& affectionate repeated farewells from all the officials
of the establishment attended them to the carriage
door. I wish you could have seen us at Frankfort
where these scenes were all enacted to perfection.
We arrived late at night after a whole day on the
Rhine & an hour's railroad to conclude. Such confusion
with all the luggage in the dark, & the omnibuses, & the
inability to communicate with any degree of certainty
with the porters who took possession of it! Then our con-
ditions eliciting the sympathy of a young German
student, who did his best to guide us to a resting place,
but was unable to procure us accommodations in the
hotel where he stopped. Then our going to another Inn
& being scrutinized & hesitatingly counted over as we
descended from the omnibus; our explanations &
entreaties to be taken in, ^{on all} being at last conducted
to the very top of a towering mansion & turned

into 3 or 4 single bedded rooms, which the men
escorted at once unceremoniously converted into
double-bedded ones, by bringing in ⁱⁿ bodily an additional
bed, bedstead & coverings, & depositing the same in each
apartment, all done in less time than it takes
write it down, & we left to breathe & appropriate
strange abodes while boxes were dragged up all the
stairs & tumbled in upon us in the same prom-
iscuous way! It was a great proof of German tolerance
of foreigners that we were not on that occasion
sent all hand over to the police, for the ^{prolonged} shouting
& disturbance we made resounded from one end to
the other of the long corridor & must have made
the occupants of all the adjacent rooms vibrate.
The next day decorum was not restored
the same racket pervaded every spot that any of our
party had to do with. The shrieks & laughter of four
of them were heard down to the lowest ground
floor, & these 4 heads were caught projecting
from one window with all their feet kicking
back, ^{digging} scrambling on each other's backs to see Mr
Chapman being hoisted on the top of an omnibus &
was to take her to Hornberg. That evening the clatter
of voices was ^{again} audible in a fresh locality, the whole party
joined by Mr. Chat. Toller, - making 9 altogether, being
collected in my Father's very small bedroom &
distributed upon bed, drawers, table, trunks, & ^{all told} ^{the} ^{full}
discussing questions with breathless rapidity, & on
being at last dislodged almost by force on account
of the lateness of the hour, they actually reassembled
with one or two exceptions in one of the other sleeping
apartments! Of course they tired themselves out
very much to my & my mother's great